

FIRE STRIKES
A BIG BLOWVillage of Granville, N. Y.,
Again Visited Today

AND THE LOSS IS \$50,000

Brody and Frieberg Blocks Were Destroyed—Ten Stores and Dozen Families Being Burned Out—Hard Fire Three Months Ago.

Rutland, March 30.—Fire this morning destroyed the Brody and Frieberg blocks in Granville, N. Y., a short distance from this place, causing a loss which is estimated at \$50,000. The two blocks were occupied by ten stores and a dozen families. This blow following the disastrous fire of three months ago practically wipes out the business district of Granville.

NO INVESTIGATION
OF ALBANY FIRE

That Is the Report Which Was Made Today—Work of Restoring the Capitol Is Being Rushed.

Albany, N. Y., March 30.—The work of rehabilitating the fire-swept state capital, which was started yesterday afternoon, was continued today with increased vigor. The first efforts were directed to drying out the portions of the building which were not touched by fire, but soaked by water. The state architect recommends that the legislature authorize the immediate preparation of plans for rebuilding the ruined third and fourth floors in the west end. An unofficial estimate places the cost of reconstruction close to \$4,000,000.

The present indications are that there will be no investigation of the cause of the fire.

Although the fire started in the northeast corner of the building, it caused the greatest havoc in the southwest corner. Here the red-tiled pointed cupola fell, carrying down part of the carved granite work that supported it and a towering stone chimney. The entire west wall above the second floor was blackened with smoke and many of the stone window frames were melted by the fierce heat. The granite cornice was ruined. Pieces of granite varying in size from a dime to a man's head were split off and hurled to the ground below, where the sidewalks were heaped high with debris. Conservative estimates place the damage to the exterior stone work at \$2,000,000.

The interior masonry was damaged to the extent of \$1,000,000, and the same sum will represent the loss on the contents of the state library.

No trace had been found of Samuel K. Abbott, the aged night watchman in the state library, and there is little doubt that he perished in the flames. His son and daughter, who reside in West Newton, Mass., have been notified.

INJURED BY EXPLOSION.
Young Man Lighted One Blast and Ten Went Off.

Claremont, N. H., March 30.—Ernest Rollins, a young unmarried man, employed in the limestone quarries at Amherst, Vt., was brought to the general hospital here yesterday, as the result of injuries received by an explosion. Ten holes had been drilled in the ledge and loaded with dynamite. Rollins was to ignite the 10 fuses for a large blast, but the explosion followed the lighting of the first. It is supposed the fuse was faulty.

At the hospital his condition is reported serious. It was necessary to amputate his left hand with the exception of the little finger, and his face and head are terribly injured. He may lose his sight.

MURPHY ATTACKS STETSON.

Tammany Leader Declares Him to be "Mysterious Power."

New York, March 30.—Charles F. Murphy came out last night in a violent attack upon Francis Lynde Stetson, a New York lawyer, charging him with working openly with Frank H. Platt, son of former Senator Platt, in making "a deal with the Republican machine to elect a man of his own selection for United States senator, with the avowed purpose of destroying the Democratic party in the state and finishing his 'life-long struggle' to break Tammany hall."

He charges Mr. Stetson with being "that mysterious power which has been behind the insurgent movement at Albany and which caused Mr. Sheehan to be assailed by every conceivable form of abuse."

ROB RUSSIAN TRAIN.

\$40,000 Intended To Pay Railroad Employees Was Stolen.

St. Petersburg, March 30.—Robbers held up a train at Widon, a small station on the Warsaw & Granica line, last night and secured \$40,000 which was to have been used for payment of railroad employees. Two passengers were wounded by the robbers, and the latter escaped.

She Meant "Centurion."

Mrs. Kewler—My grandfather is 103 years old.

Mrs. Hunderby—Dear me! Didn't know you had a cousin in your family.—Boston Transcript.

HAD A FREE FIGHT

When Suffragettes Broke Into Peace of Bible Meeting.

London, March 30.—At a great meeting of churchmen and statesmen in Albert hall last evening to celebrate the tercentenary of the King James revision of the English translation of the Bible, Premier Asquith and Whitelaw Reid, the principal speakers, seized the opportunity to eulogize the arbitration movement.

Suffragettes interfered with the proceedings, and when the prime minister began, they unfurled banners bearing the inscription "votes for women." The banners were torn up after a free fight. In his address, Mr. Asquith said: "The English Bible belongs not only to the subjects of King George, but to the whole English-speaking world. One of the truths which has been slowly realized, and which now I believe is firmly rooted in the faith of Christian men and women on both sides of the Atlantic, is that war between English-speaking people would be not only a crime against civilization, but an unprofitable breach of these few commandments which are enshrined in the new Testament on which both nations have been bred."

"There surely could not be a more worthy, a more appropriate, a more splendid monument of this tercentenary year than that it should witness the sealing of a solemn peace between peoples which would put an end once for all to the hideous and unthinkable possibilities of fratricidal strife."

BUCKETSHOP LAW
UNCONSTITUTIONAL

In That It Deprives Citizens of the Right To Contract, Says Justice Wright of District Supreme Court.

Washington, D. C., March 30.—The amendment to the so-called bucketshop law, which defines "bucketing," was declared unconstitutional by Justice Wright in the District of Columbia supreme court today, in that it deprives citizens of the liberty to contract. The demurrer of Edward Altman of Jersey City and Louis A. and Angelo Cella of St. Louis, who were indicted last April, was sustained. The government will appeal.

When informed of the finding, the attorney general declared he would carry the case to the supreme court of the United States for he is anxious to have the matter determined in order that the department may proceed with further prosecutions if the law is upheld.

KILLED HER CHILD
AND THEN HERSELF

Mrs. William Garfield of Southbridge, Mass., Was Probably Crazy Over Her Mother's Death.

Southbridge, Mass., March 30.—While William Garfield, a Southbridge farmer, was on a trip to the railroad station yesterday, his wife, Mrs. Caroline Hasckell Garfield, murdered their 7-year-old son, Earl, and then took her own life. The husband found the two bodies lying in a pool of blood on the kitchen floor when he returned three hours later. The woman had used a razor with which she cut the boy's throat and her own to such effect that death was probably instantaneous in both instances.

Mrs. Garfield had not been herself since the death of her mother in December, according to the statement of her husband and the neighbors, but her condition was not such as to cause alarm. She had not allowed the boy to attend school during the winter because she feared "evil spirits."

When Garfield left home yesterday his wife was apparently in her usual health and spirits. When he returned he found the doors locked, and suspecting that all was not right he forced his way into the house and nearly stumbled over the bodies. Mrs. Garfield was 48 years old.

Medical Examiner Bradford viewed the bodies and pronounced it a case of murder and suicide. A double funeral will be held at the house Friday.

CONVICTED OF MURDER.

A. A. Truskett, Aged 70, and Wealthy Business Man, Found Guilty.

Independence, Kans., March 30.—A. A. Truskett, 70 years old, a wealthy business man of Caney, Kans., last night was found guilty of murdering J. D. Nealey, a millionaire oil operator, of Lima, Ohio. The jury was out 27 hours. The verdict was second degree murder.

Truskett shot and killed Nealey in the lobby of the Palace hotel at Caney on January 7. There were no witnesses.

Nealey was president of the Wichita Pipe Line company, which had used to have declared legal a valuable oil lease owned by Truskett. Witnesses testified Truskett's mind had been affected by worry over the suit. Arguments for a new trial caused a postponement of sentence.

IN ILL HEALTH.

Charles York of Brunswick, Me., Shot Himself to Death.

Brunswick, Me., March 30.—Holding the muzzle of a shotgun against his body, Charles York pressed the trigger with a ramrod and ended his life at his home here yesterday. York, who was 71 years of age, up to the time of his retirement from active work, five years ago, was well known to Bowdoin college men as their favorite barber. He had been in ill health for some time.

The Vermont Wood Reduction Co., recently organized at Ludlow, purposes to erect a plant in the near future. Of the proposed capital, \$50,000, some \$30,000 has already been subscribed.

CONFESSED
HIS CRIME

More Than That, He Assisted in His Own Execution

MOST REMARKABLE CASE

Joseph Christock Hanged at Pottsville, Pa., To-day for the Murder of Mrs. Annie Richards—Showed Wonderful Nerve.

Pottsville, Pa., March 30.—Joseph Christock was hanged in the county jail here today for the murder, last fall, of Mrs. Annie Richards. He displayed remarkable nerve. Declining the proffered assistance of a priest and deputy sheriff, he walked to the gallows, waved his hand to the fifteen hundred persons around his neck, put his arms by his side to be strapped and smilingly said, "Good-bye all." The trap was then sprung. Before going to the gallows, Christock made a complete confession.

BURLINGTON HIS JONAH.

So Judge Mower Advised Respondent To Slip City Hereafter.

Burlington, March 30.—Because he said he had a job awaiting him early in May, Judge Mower gave Henry Tibbets a light sentence in city court yesterday. Tibbets was in court on a charge of intoxication and is classed in the records as an habitual drunkard. He told the court that he had been working in the lumber woods all winter and was on his way to his home in Rutland, but got only as far as Burlington when he was arrested. He said it seemed to be just his luck to always get just as far Burlington and then be taken into custody. He disclosed on a man named Louis T. Marau of St. Albans, who he said, furnished the liquor. Judge Mower advised him to keep away from Burlington if he could not go through the city without becoming intoxicated, and in view of his statement concerning his prospective job, sentenced him to 30 days in jail. "Middle" Mann, also of Rutland, pleaded guilty to a charge of intoxication and was fined \$5 and costs of \$5.75. He could not pay and will serve the alternate 10 days in jail.

JAIL BREAKERS STILL FREE.

Trustees Believed to Have Assisted in Rockingham County Escapes.

Brentwood, N. H., March 30.—Only one of the 12 prisoners who escaped from the Rockingham county house of correction on Monday night has been recaptured, although the authorities have conducted a systematic search for the fugitives ever since the jail break was discovered Tuesday morning. Tuesday night one of the escaped prisoners was arrested at Portsmouth and was returned to the jail here yesterday.

It is believed that the men who escaped from the jail may have had the assistance of one of the "trustees," or favored prisoners. The men cut a hole through the ceiling and floor above where the cells were located and escaped through this hole.

MORE SHOOTING

But No One Was Hit Last Night in Winooski.

Winooski, March 30.—A report from a gun was heard on West Allen street last evening about seven o'clock, but no one was injured. The shot was in the neighborhood of the Mongeon block and old Ladam blocks, tenements occupied by colored people. Officer Wardwell tried to learn who fired the gun but without avail. He called on the occupants of the tenements but they knew nothing of the shooting. Many stories found circulation. One story had it that there were two or three negroes riding past when a colored woman stuck her head out of the window and called to the team to halt. Disobeying, she shot at them. The story had it that the woman had been imbibing freely.

DAMAGING EVIDENCE.

Said To Have Been Brought Against Fred Dupuis at Moffat Hearing.

Bennington, March 30.—The inquest before Assistant Judge C. B. Kent into the death of Cyrus Moffat, who was fatally injured at a dance in "Bear town," Manchester, on March 17, was concluded yesterday. The hearing was behind closed doors and the evidence was not given out; but it is understood that it was strong against Fred Dupuis, another participant at the dance. Dupuis has left the state. Attorney General Sargent represented the state at the inquest.

ARMY SUICIDE MYSTERY.

No Reason Known Why Sergt. George Charest Shot Himself.

Fort Mansfield, R. I., March 30.—Sergeant George Charest, non-commissioned officer in charge of this post, committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself. The reason for his act is a mystery to the men at the post.

A board of inquiry has been appointed and an investigation will be made at once. Charest was about 32 years old, and gave Holyoke, Mass., as his residence when he enlisted.

George Tucker of Dalton, Mass., has filed a bill for a divorce from Sarah A. Tucker of Rutland, on the grounds of desertion and adultery. The couple were married in Dalton 35 years ago and the desertion for which the divorce is sought is alleged to have taken place 45 years ago. If the case ever reaches a hearing, the libellant and libeled will be the oldest who have sought a separation in the Berkshire courts.

NEWPORT PHYSICIAN.

Dr. Eugene E. Whitaker's Funeral Yesterday Afternoon.

Newport, March 30.—The funeral services of Dr. Eugene E. Whitaker, who died Saturday afternoon while in the hospital at Montreal, where he went for a serious operation, took place in the family home yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Dr. Whitaker was the active representative of homeopathy in the medical profession of Newport. He was born in Lawrence, Mass., in 1848. His academic education was obtained at Chelsea and Barre academies. He entered Dr. B. G. Clark's office in New York in 1877, graduated from Long Island college, Brooklyn, N. Y., and at Hahnemann college at Chicago. He afterwards took two post-graduate courses, one at Chicago and one at the New York Polytechnic.

After practicing a time at Windsor Dr. Whitaker came to Newport in 1881 and enjoyed an extensive and lucrative practice. For several years past he has been health officer and filled positions on the board of school trustees and village trustees. He has been president of the Vermont State Medical association as well as holding minor offices in the same body.

He has filled the office of commodore in the Memphremagog Yacht club of which he was an active member. He was a Mason and active member of Malta Commandery, K. T.

He leaves, besides his wife, two children, Henry S., and Clara D., two brothers, A. G. Whitaker of Leominster, Mass., and J. F. Whitaker of Dorchester, Mass., and one sister, Mrs. R. Rodman of Bradford. Burial was at West Derby.

FOR ALLEGED ROBBERY.

John Henderson Arrested and Placed in Burlington Jail.

Burlington, March 30.—Sheriff Allen has just placed under arrest a negro named John Henderson, charged with burglary of the Exchange at Fort Eichen and the theft of three watches of considerable value. The burglary is said to have taken place Saturday night. One of the watches has been recovered.

Henderson is not a soldier now, but was formerly one. Lately he has been a hanger-on at the Post. When the burglary and theft were discovered suspicion fell on him, and the sheriff's investigation seemed to warrant the man's arrest, and he was taken at the Brunswick house at Winooski where he had a room. Further investigation proved that one of the watches had been pawned at the Selden shop in this city. Henderson was identified as the man who hooked the timepiece. The other two have not been recovered.

The three watches stolen, two gold filled and one silver, were part of the stock at the Exchange. They are valued altogether at about \$50.

DETERMINED TO DIE.

John Wait Made Sure of Successful Suicide.

Bennington, March 30.—In his determination to end his life, John Wait, a mill operative, shot himself twice with a shotgun and then, with a stroke of a razor, cut his throat nearly to the spine, late Tuesday night. The man had recently lost his place in a local mill and is believed to have been dependent over his enforced idleness.

Wait was found dying late at night by his 13-year-old son, who was returning from the theatre. The boy rushed immediately for medical assistance and the doctors arrived a moment or two before Wait died.

Investigation showed that Wait had held the muzzle of the gun against his breast, but the weapon was so long that he could not hold it at right angles to the body and the two shots that were fired, entered his breast obliquely. The man then managed to crawl to a bureau, where he took his razor and slashed his throat.

WIDOW'S SUIT FAILS.

Contributory Negligence Shown By the Workman in Quarry.

Rutland, March 30.—The negligence case of Mrs. Mary Conroy of South Pottsville, admx. of John Conroy, who was killed in a slate quarry by falling stone April 29, 1910, vs. Herman B. and Thomas S. Nelson of Pawlet, came to a sudden end in Rutland county court yesterday after occupying the court session two days. Judge W. H. Taylor directed a verdict for the defendants. This was done after the court had deliberated an hour and a half on a motion for such a verdict made by Attorney T. W. Moloney on the ground that the evidence had shown no negligent act of the defendants but had shown contributory negligence on the part of the plaintiff, Mrs. Conroy, who has three small children, had asked for \$10,000 damages. Marvella Wheeler was her counsel.

CLEMENT'S APPOINTMENTS.

Thomas C. Elworth Again Chief of Police in Rutland.

Rutland, March 30.—Mayor P. W. Clement last night reappointed Thomas C. Elworth chief of police, Fred R. Patch, commissioner of public safety, and Harry B. Whittier, city clerk. He named Frank R. Blanchard as commissioner of public works and Patrick M. Melton, city attorney.

MAY LEAVE HARDWICK.

Granite Concern Dicker With Morrisville for Location.

Morrisville, March 30.—There is a prospect that this village will have an addition to its granite industry, as a Hardwick granite company is anxious to locate here and is pleased with the inducements offered by the village. The company employs thirty men.

BUSINESS TROUBLES.

Max Brown of St. Albans Files in Bankruptcy.

Max Brown of St. Albans, a peddler, has filed a petition in bankruptcy with Clerk F. S. Platt of the United States court. His liabilities are given as \$1,082.75 and his assets are \$1,353.13, of which \$825 is exempt.

SICK JUROR
HALTS CASE

Serious Case in Franklin County Goes Over to Monday

FLOYED MASON IS ACCUSED

Charge Is Assault With Intent to Kill His Wife By Shooting One Year Ago—He Has Been in Jail Ever Since.

St. Albans, March 30.—The trial of Floyd Mason in Franklin county court on the charge of assault with intent to kill his wife on April 24, 1910, came to a sudden halt yesterday afternoon when one of the jurors, Frank S. Blatchley, was stricken with illness. Judge Stanton then excused the entire panel until next Monday, when the case will be started all over again.

The state alleges that Mason, who is a resident of Georgia, attempted to shoot his wife while they were driving to East Fairfield a year ago. It is alleged that he held a revolver to her head, but his attention was distracted by a noise and, taking advantage of the opportunity, his wife ran away from him, going into a house nearby. It is further alleged that Mason fired several shots while she was entering the house. Mason was then disarmed by people who came to the woman's assistance.

Because of the seriousness of the allegation against Mason, the respondent has been confined in county jail ever since the arrest, bail not being fixed.

A CENTURY OLD.

Mrs. Crissania Whiting of Bellows Falls Has a Party.

Bellows Falls, March 30.—Mrs. Crissania Bailey Whiting, the oldest person in this section of the state, celebrated her 100th birthday yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. N. Weston. Mrs. Whiting received many congratulations from friends and relatives. Among those present to help celebrate the event were children and great-grandchildren. In spite of her advanced years, Mrs. Whiting received her guests with the grace and dignity of a woman many years younger.

She was assisted in receiving by her brother, R. F. Bailey of Hastings, Neb., being the only surviving members of a family of ten children. Mrs. Whiting being the oldest and Mrs. Bailey the youngest.

Mrs. Whiting was born in Westmoreland, N. H., March 29, 1811, and came to this town with her parents when six years of age and has lived here ever since. Her parents were Samuel and Crissania (Britton) Bailey. They first resided near Saxtons River, and it was near there that her life was passed, except for the past 22 years, which she has spent at the home of her daughter.

At the age of 20 she began to teach school at 28 cents a week, which was an advance of 8 cents over the preceding teacher and was considered good pay at that time.

Dec. 1, 1843, she was married to John G. Whiting, grandson of Rev. Samuel Whiting, who was the first settled minister in the town of Rockingham. Three daughters were born, all of whom are living. Mrs. H. H. Shaw of Marlboro, Mrs. Frank Proctor and Mrs. H. N. Weston of this town. Dec. 1, 1893, they celebrated their golden anniversary. Mr. Whiting died at the age of 85.

Mrs. Whiting has always enjoyed the best of health and although her eyesight is somewhat impaired, her other faculties are remarkable. She goes anywhere unassisted, has been a great reader and has a wonderful memory and can repeat more poetry than most people have ever read. She takes a keen interest in events of the day.

Refreshments were served the guests in part in the old china tea set belonging to Mrs. Whiting. Numerous gifts and many flowers, also letters and messages of congratulation were received during the day from friends and relatives who were unable to be present.

PEACE TERMS CONSIDERED.

Insurrectos Probably Will Have Part in Consideration.

El Paso, Texas, March 30.—All available insurrectos in the fields of northern Mexico are being concentrated west of Chihuahua, according to news received here today. It is believed by the insurrecto sympathizers that the purpose is to allow those who have fought for the insurrecto cause to have some part in the consideration of peace terms. That there has been no recent fighting around Chihuahua is regarded as indicating that the men in the field believe the selection of the new cabinet an evidence of good faith upon the part of the government preparatory to peace negotiations.

TELEGRAPHERS' STRIKE NEXT.

One Threatened for April 1 Unless They Get 20 Per Cent. Increase.

Chicago, March 30.—W. L. Park, general manager of the Illinois Central railroad, today conferred with the representatives of the telegraphers' union on the wage question. A strike is threatened for April 1 by men who ask an increase of twenty per cent. in wages. At a strike vote, recently taken, 95 per cent. of the 1,600 telegraphers voted to go out unless there was a satisfactory wage increase granted. The conference is expected to last two days.

Barre should have a plant to manufacture building granite and not let our neighbors obtain the new industry.

NO. MAIN STREET
LAND TRANSFER

Grant A. Lane Sells Block on East Side Having a Frontage of 50 Feet—Merlo Brothers the Purchasers.

A block of land on the east side of North Main street, measuring 50 feet front by about 100 feet deep, has just been sold by Grant A. Lane to the three Merlo brothers, who conduct a cigar and confectionery store in a building owned by them and located on part of the land which they have now acquired. Heretofore, they leased the land from Mr. Lane. With the purchase is included the two-story wooden building which was recently damaged by fire. That is located directly south of the Merlo's store. This latter building is now being repaired, and will be occupied by the Merlo brothers, together with their present store, in order to accommodate their increase of business.

The price paid for the transfer is not made public; but it is understood to be such as to indicate that land values on that side of North Main street are being maintained.

TWO PRISONERS RELEASED.

Sheriff Tracy Without Authority to Detain Them Longer.

The two men arrested with Frank Mackinen at North Montpelier Tuesday were released from Washington county jail yesterday. Sheriff Tracy decided that he had no authority to hold them longer. Mackinen is suspected of being the man who shot and robbed three men in Port Arthur, Ontario, Canada, March 22. Two of the men are in a hospital and the third is missing; supposed to be dead. It was first planned to hold Mackinen's companions as witnesses, but so far as Sheriff Tracy can learn, neither of them had anything to do with the crime of which he is suspected.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown are passing a few days with friends in Burlington.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hubbard of Hartland were visitors in the city yesterday.

J. W. Vaughan and son, Winifred, returned home this morning, after spending a few days in Boston.

Earle E. Parker returned from Essex Junction today, where he went yesterday to deliver a Hudson touring car.

A special meeting of Barre lodge, N. E. O. F., will be held in their hall Friday evening, March 31, for the purpose of initiation. Will all members try to be present? Light refreshments will be served.

Arrivals at the City hotel yesterday and today were registered as follows: R. E. Browning, Woodsville, N. H.; C. C. Cady, R. A. Bowman, Boston; H. B. Hutchinson, New York City; F. H. Blake, Boston; J. M. Lawler, Springfield; J. L. Fuller, White River Junction; W. M. Wiese, J. M. Marshall, Boston; F. B. Keeler, Burlington; H. J. Stafford, Chicago; A. C. Goodrich, New York City; C. D. O'Leary, Boston; J. J. Stevens, J. R. Reed, Burlington.

Wednesday arrivals at the hotel Otis were as follows: A. N. Moreau, Saxtons River; R. L. Hackett, E. B. Smith, New York City; H. E. Harman, Tronton, N. J.; E. B. St. Clair, Plymouth, N. H.; L. E. Gilbert, J. H. Gilbert, C. L. Harlow, Boston; P. T. Donovan, Burlington; Miss C. Smith, Burlington; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Adams, Boston; F. W. Brown, Newcastles, Del.; C. T. Campbell, St. Johnsbury; W. T. Johnson, Shelton; E. C. Henderson, Grand Rapids, Mich.; E. Walderman, Hartford, Conn.

The Clover club held its annual business meeting at the home of Mrs. E. T. Mower on Tuesday afternoon. The club voted to take Germany as a subject for study for the coming year.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. L. M. Averill; vice president, Mrs. E. M. Taylor; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. B. W. Hooker; program committee, Mrs. H. O. Worthen, Mrs. Homer Fitts, Mrs. F. W. Jackson; educational committee, Mrs. E. W. Cummings, Mrs. Homer Fitts. After election, Mrs. Mower gave the club a generous treat of new sugar on snow, plain doughnuts, olives, and pickles. The meeting was an especially pleasant one and the reports for the past year's work and attendance were most satisfactory.

The old farm home on lands owned by the E. A. Walker estate in Benson, has been torn down. The building was erected 115 years ago and was known as the old Olmsted tavern in the days of the stage coach.

Parts of newspapers were found in the structure before the dates of 1787 and 1788. In one the Vermont almanac for 1789 is advertised, also a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the Burlington postoffice. Hand made nails were used in the structure, some of which had brass heads.

Hundreds of tons of earth and rock partially filled the slate quarry of the New York Consolidated Slate company Monday at North Pottsville as the result of a series of landslides. No workmen were in the quarry and the principal loss will be occasioned by the labor required to remove the debris. Slides occurred at frequent intervals throughout the day until late in the evening.

Col. Edward Howland Robinson Green, formerly of Texas, but now of New York, son of Mrs. Hetty Green, who owns a place in Brattleboro, has received about 200 proposals of marriage every month since the New York World last fall quoted him as saying he felt a bit lonely and might wed if he could find the right girl—rich or poor.

James Taylor of Greenboro, leading a spirited horse to water Saturday morning, was kicked, it is supposed in play, and struck in the side of the face, crushing it badly and inflicting some bad cuts. Hopes are entertained of his recovery.

SHARD CUT
FOR WITNESS

Charles Bean Leaves Stand After 24 Hours' Grilling

IN COUNTY COURT TODAY

He Was Beneficiary From Will of His Mother, Mrs. Orzella Bean, Late of Plainfield, Which Three Heirs Try to Break.

After being on the stand for twenty-four hours, during which he was given a sharp grilling by the opposition lawyers, Charles U. Bean, who was left the bulk of his mother's estate, was excused from the stand in Washington county court today, and several other witnesses were put on in rapid succession. These were Mrs. Laura Coburn, Benjamin Gates and Mr. and Mrs. Aiken, the latter being friends of Mrs. Orzella Bean, whose will is being contested by three other children, Everett and Herbert Bean and Mrs. Kate Bean Lane. Mr. Gates, who was special administrator, testified that the estate amounts to between \$2,000 and \$3,000.

Charles U. Bean, who was bequeathed all but \$5 to each of the other children, testified that his folks objected to his sister, Kate, marrying Lee Lane, and he said that he had not spoken to her since she was 17 years old (she is now 32) until a few months ago, because she had married Lane.

Asked why he spoke to her a few months ago, the witness said it was because she was not living with her husband.

"Not to my knowledge," replied the witness when asked if he had ever talked with his mother about disposing of her property. "Not to my knowledge," he again answered when asked if he had written his mother, telling her that by willing \$1 to each of the children, she could prevent their breaking the will. "Not to my knowledge" was a favorite answer, so commonly used that Attorney Laird for the contesting heirs, objected; but Judge Miles let it proper.

In one letter to his sister-in-law, Mrs. E. A. Bean, he asked that his mother be instructed to bury all letters he wrote to her, saying "I do not want them d— fools on the hill to see them as they might not digest food."

When asked to explain to whom he referred in the letter, Bean said he meant Lee Lane, the husband of his sister, Kate. Some of the letters were not signed and parts of others were missing, but Bean identified the writing of all as his.

The witness denied that he had created a disturbance at his mother's funeral, although he may have objected to his brother-in-law, Lane, sitting with the mourners; but he was ready to have his sister there, he said. Bean declared he hadn't spoken to Lane for a long time. He said that at the funeral of his mother there might have been some delay due to the misunderstanding as to who should sit with the mourners.

In one letter to his father and mother he expressed himself as indignant because they had called on his sister and her husband. He said he did this because he was a valid Lane would get control of the property.

When asked if he had told his brother, Herbert, the place would be his before the will was opened, he denied he had done so and said he did not know the contents of the will before it was opened. He was asked if his parents had not loaned him \$10 on two different occasions in addition to a loan of \$40 when he was sick. To this he answered "No."

SUCCESSFUL LUMBER DEALER.

Edgar A. Davis Died Last Night at His Home in Colbyville.

Waterbury, March 30.—Edgar A. Davis, a prominent man in this vicinity, died at his home in Colbyville, Me., last night after being ill all winter. His condition was not considered serious until a short time ago